

Our Rabbi in the Community

In recent months, Rabbi Kahn has participated in a variety of community meetings and activities. These have included speaking at Peninsula Temple Beth Jacob in Redwood City, the Berkeley/Richmond JCC, the UAHC Regional Biennial, the National Jewish Press Association, Holy Blossom Temple (Toronto) and Chutzpah (Toronto). He introduced CSZ's liturgy and led morning services at the convention of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis. Rabbi Kahn's essay, "Judaism and Homosexuality" was published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis and he presented a paper on "The Sanctification of Homosexual Unions" at the Centennial Convention of the CCAR in Cincinnati in June.

Recently, Rabbi Kahn was appointed to the program committee of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS and to the Institutional Review Board of the Community Research Alliance. The board provides ethical review of research protocols which include human participants. He also participates in the Inter-Religious Coalition on AIDS, the Bureau of Jewish Education Educators' Council and the Jewish Emergency Assistance Network. Articles about Rabbi Kahn and CSZ have appeared in the *Canadian Jewish News*, *XTRA* (Toronto), the *Examiner* and *Coming Up*.



New and incumbent Va'ad members pictured above are (top row) Alita Rosenfeld, Jose Luis Moscovich, Ben Shalit, Gail Friedlander, (second row) Robin Leonard, Leslie Bergson, (front row) Ann Biderman, Eric Keitel, and Merry Luskin.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sha'ar Zahav's Annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, May 21. More than 50 members of the congregation attended. This year several changes in format of the meeting were made to speed the proceedings and lighten the ambiance.

The extensive reading of committee reports was eliminated as committee and chavurot chairs submitted written reports which were mailed to members. The Sha'ar Zahav Ensemble provided entertainment, and an opportunity to shmooze and nosh wrapped up the afternoon. These changes worked well as many members noted in the meeting evaluation.

Robin Leonard called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm Rabbi Kahn, in his D'var Torah, spoke of our commitment as a Jewish community bound together by our strong individual commitments. The minutes of the previous year's meeting were approved unanimously.

There followed three verbal reports: the president's, treasurer's and rabbi's. All three chose to speak only of addi-

tions to their written reports. Robin told those assembled that the new two-year contract with the rabbi had recently been signed. Robin mentioned, and the rabbi later echoed, pleasure with the new contract and the negotiating process. Robin also announced that the very recent Ronnie Gilbert concert was a wonderful evening and Sha'ar Zahav broke even financially but didn't raise money.

Ben Schalit, Sha'ar Zahav treasurer, then spoke about our fiscal position. Sha'ar Zahav will show a slight surplus or slight deficit when the books close on this fiscal year depending upon payments of pledges. Rabbi Kahn used this chance to remind us to think of Sha'ar Zahav in its entirety and not only those activities with which we are most involved.

Rabbi Kahn called on members to share their ideas of a "dream" Friday night at CSZ. Some of the wishes were: more music, more individual participation, occasional structured discussions

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Note to Our Readers

This July-August issue is the last one until September—thus giving your Newsletter Committee a month off and away from the monthly rigors of publishing. We wish each and every one of our readers a healthy and happy summer and look forward to renewing the bond with our readership in the fall.

Opening Remarks

Excerpted from installation remarks, June 30, 1989.

It is with no small degree of excitement that I embark on my term as the president of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. I see this time as an opportunity for tremendous personal growth as well as a chance to work with so many talented and creative people towards a common goal—enhancement of our community through our understanding and expression of our Jewish culture and heritage. Having been a member of Sha'ar Zahav for over 10 years, I feel I have a broad perspective of our history: where we evolved from, where we are now, and where I hope we will be in the future. I trust that as we continue along our path we will do so in the spirit of *tikkun olam* ("the healing of the world"). For although we are a diverse congregation with many different backgrounds and needs, I feel very strongly that each of us has chosen to affiliate because of a strong sense of community values—the importance of working together to create a thriving community of progressive Jews here in the Bay Area.

In light of our diverse backgrounds and needs, how can we make Sha'ar Zahav a welcoming place for all of us? I see two main ingredients needed to accomplish this. First and foremost, we must remain a congregation of activism. As we've grown to our current membership of 450 people, it is more important than ever that we maintain an increasing number of volunteers to develop and coordinate our many programs. Our activism enriches our synagogue in several ways; it enhances the sense of ownership each of us feels in the organization, and it brings new and creative energy to the others already working in the synagogue community, which serves as a catalyst for further enrichment of existing programs.

It carries forward the premise upon which Sha'ar Zahav was founded some 12 years ago. Our founders created a synagogue where its members held the reins; we wanted a spiritual leader who would help lead us in prayer, not do the praying for us. We weren't looking for an executive director to plan and implement all of the programming for us, we wanted to take an active role in the

administration and implementation of congregational life. We didn't want to sit by passively and have this become like those synagogues of our youth. We wanted a place where we each felt our own individual contribution was important and that we could make a difference, a place where we wouldn't be isolated individuals lost in a sea of faces. We wanted a place for gay and lesbian Jews and their friends to feel at home—a place that felt good to come home to, to belong to, to set down roots in.

If there is one message I would like to emphasize, it is that I am dedicated to preserving this concept of activism in our community. I urge you to come forward and let me know your ideas, concerns and desires regarding congregational life. I urge you to become actively involved in at least one of our committees or programs during the year. The tasks are many, but so are the rewards—not the least of which is the possibility of establishing wonderful and sustaining friendships with people who in many cases share similar values and ideas about life.

The second ingredient for success in maintaining a welcoming feeling at Sha'ar Zahav is the concept of compromise. Although as an individual I may have very clear ideas of the way I would like to see Sha'ar Zahav function, I must realize that the common goals we can agree on and work towards are more important than my own individual ideas. In speaking recently with a somewhat disgruntled member of the congregation who had several complaints about the way things were done around here, I gently tried to explain, "Yes, it is true that Sha'ar Zahav is not the perfect place you might want it to be," and "Yes, it seems as if we do some things differently than you might like to see us do it." But this congregation is not named the "Chaim Schmerl" synagogue, or the "Eric Keitel" synagogue. We are a community of 450 individuals, each with his or her own particular agenda and opinions of what Sha'ar Zahav should be.

But if we remember the reason why we first came through these doors, and the underlying spirit from which we take our guidance, it seems as if it should be possible to work together in the spirit of *shalom bayit* and carry on with our

holy work. We can't be everything to everybody, but I hope and pray that we do bring joy and peace to all who enter our doors and in some way enrich the lives of our community. If I have one goal during my term as president, it is that we can strengthen the bonds between us by enriching our personal relationships with each other and coming to the realization that our commitments to our synagogue and to each other are vital ones for our lives.

I am quite excited to be working with so many talented people in the coming year. To the newly elected board members and to the newly elected officers, thank you for stepping forward to help guide our congregation through the coming year. To all of our returning board members and committee chairs and members, a profound thank you for all of the dedication you have exhibited over the years, and an advance thank you for continuing in those efforts this year.

I would also like to thank my lover of seven years, Aaron Cooper, for providing me with the loving support that will allow me to serve our congregation this coming year. Without Aaron's encouragement and commitment, my presidency could not be a reality.

In conclusion, may all of us continue to work together, play together, laugh together and cry together. May we continue to travel on the path of life with arms entwined and sing in a strong and harmonious voice: *Hinei Ma Tov Oomanayim*, how good it is to gather. Thank you for giving me the honor of serving Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

—Eric Keitel

Report on Jewry In Russia

The World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international arm of Reform Judaism, recently sent a study delegation to the Soviet Union. The delegation's first-person report is a fascinating account of the impact of *glasnost* on Jewish communal life in the Soviet Union. Copies of this report are available from the synagogue office.



Summer Events



Women's Chavurah

Shabbat Walk And Picnic

All women in the congregation and their friends are invited to join us on a short hike on Saturday, August 5.

We'll walk in filtered sunlight through a cool forest of bay trees, pine and oak, on a trail of packed earth and pine needles. We'll be able to see the last of the season's wildflowers blooming in the shelter of the trees before the trail leads us out onto a sun-drenched hillside of golden grass overlooking the ocean.

Here we'll have kiddush and motzi and picnic with our bag lunches and any food we've brought to share. Then we can laze about and schmooze to our heart's content, before we head back to our cars.

We'll gather at the Pan Toll parking lot on Mt. Tamalpais at 10:45 Saturday morning. To get there, take Highway 101 to the Stinson Beach/Mt. Tam exit, and follow the signs to Stinson Beach/Mt. Tam, then just to Mt. Tam. Eventually you'll find yourself on the Panoramic Highway; then keep an eye out for parking lots. Drive right through the first one, which is in a residential area. The second one will be directly at the right of the road, opposite the trail head for Bootjack. As you go by this one, the large Pan Toll parking area looms quickly on your left.

From Berkeley, it's about 45 minutes. From the city, a little less. For more extensive directions, call Kate at 526-2394.

Women's Chavurah

Summer Pool Party

A summer pool party and potluck on Sunday, July 23, from 1 to 6 pm will be the first Women's Chavurah event of 1989-90. It will be held at Marion Trentman's in Danville and only the first 30 women who reserve space can be accommodated, so make your reservations early.

Call Ann Biderman at 648-5526 for reservations, directions, and to share transportation. Bring a dish to share as well as your own beverages and towel.

Brotherhood

The Brotherhood Goes Country Western

On Monday, August 7, the brotherhood will be kicking up its heels at the Rawhide II located at 280 Seventh St. (just off Folsom). Don't worry if you don't know how to do the two-step; we will be given western dancing lessons which begin at 7:30.

Be sure to be prompt for it is difficult to get into the herd of the dancing lessons if you arrive late. We suggest you dress the part—you know, cowboy boots, flannel shirt, tight jeans ... the works.

Social Program

Softball Game And Picnic

Did you hate softball in high school? Were you the last boy picked for the team? Or the girl made to feel self-conscious about your love of sport? Or were you the class slugger who always had a great time?

Whatever your past experience, it is time to mark your calendar for the annual congregational softball game and picnic. The event will be held on Sunday, August 20, at Julius Kahn Softball Field in the Presidio. We have the field reserved from 11 am until 3 pm.

There will be sun (hopefully), softball and fun! Julius Kahn is easy to find. Drive north on Arguello Boulevard until you enter the Presidio Army base. As soon as you enter the Presidio, make a sharp right turn. Follow this road past

Social Program

Angel Island Picnic

Join us Sunday, July 16 for a picnic on Angel Island State Park and Wildlife Reserve where there are miles of scenic hiking and biking. We will meet at Pier 43 1/2 near Fisherman's Wharf at 9:40 am. The ferry leaves for the island at 10 am, so be sure you're prompt. Round-trip tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (five to 11 years old). Ferries return to San Francisco at 2:40 and 4:25 pm. So bring your bike! Or bring the kids! Or both! We expect there will be lots of sun and fun! Oh, and don't forget your picnic basket. If you need any information, call Marc Mencher at 626-9592.

two stop signs, and *voila*—the field will appear on your left. There is plenty of parking.

All members and friends of CSZ are welcome—even if you have never played softball before, or if you are someone who plays but once a year. This is a non-competitive game and we especially hope that some of our children members are able to attend.

Bring your own lunch (brown bag it or bring a grill) and any softball equipment you might have (like a mitt); we'll supply the bats, balls and bases, and we'll have some extra mitts, too, so there are no excuses for not coming.

For more information, call Marc Mencher at 626-9592.



"Council of Chairs"—an informal association of committee chairs—sitting at last meeting.

Cremation and the Holocaust

One of the questions I am most often asked is: what does Judaism teach about cremation? The recent acquisition of our cemetery space has led many members to reconsider what they want. In this column, I will review traditional and Reform Jewish teaching on cremation and present my own position.

The Halachic Position. Since Biblical times, burial has been customary among Jews. The rabbis of the Talmud associated cremation with non-Jewish practice and many rabbinic authorities considered burial an affirmative mitzvah. The rabbis also opposed cremation because they believed that when the Messiah comes, our bodies will be resurrected and cremation would make that impossible. Cremation offended the rabbis' concept of dignity of the deceased. In general, Jewish practice is to return the body to the earth whence it came with as little interference as possible. Over time, burial became one of the markers of Jewish distinctiveness and identity.

Conservative Judaism opposes cremation. The Rabbinical Assembly permits cremated ashes to be buried in a Jewish cemetery but does not allow Conservative rabbis to officiate lest their presence be interpreted as approval. Many Jews who do not consider themselves observant strongly oppose cremation because "it's something that Jews don't do."

The Reform Position. In 1893, the Central Conference of American Rabbis endorsed a resolution permitting its members to officiate at cremations. No longer committed to the idea of physical resurrection, they saw no reason to object. *Gates of Mitzvah*, the Reform Jewish guide to the life-cycle, states that "while both cremation and entombment in mausoleums are acceptable, burial is the normative Jewish practice." Elsewhere, the conference acknowledges that because of the Holocaust, rabbis may discourage cremation. Eternal Home Cemetery, where Sha'ar Zahav Cemetery is located, has provision for both above- and below-ground interment of cremated ashes.

After the Holocaust. In general, I encourage consistency with historical Jewish practice when it does not conflict with other values. Thus, although my

preference is for burial "because that's what Jews do," I am swayed by the arguments people make in favor of cremation. Some feel that the cost of burial is excessively high. They believe cremation is consistent with the Jewish preference for simplicity in funeral rites and that the money required for burial could be better spent on caring for the living. Others hold that it is ecologically irresponsible to continue to set land aside for cemeteries. Many of you, for deep-felt emotional reasons, are strongly committed to cremation.

Were I not Jewish, I would find these arguments compelling. I do not object to non-Jews choosing cremation. However, this is one of the times when I have a different standard for myself and the Jewish community. For myself and many other Jews, the memory of the Holocaust requires us to discourage cremation. The Nazis' crematoria are one of the most significant and well-known symbols of the Holocaust. As part of our commitment to remembrance, I think that we should uphold the ancient Jewish tradition of burial and oppose cremation. We thereby renew a historical Jewish practice and invest it with significant new meaning for our generation and those that will follow. Some people argue that not all of the Nazis' victims were cremated; thousands were buried. Should we then oppose burial too? I understand this argument but I don't accept it. The chimneys of the camps have assumed a metaphorical significance in our collective memory.

I have discussed my feelings on this subject with many of you over the last four years. Some of you have come to agree with me; others, after careful consideration, have chosen cremation as the most appropriate option. I am committed to encouraging your thoughtful, personal Jewish decision-making and will support you in whatever decision you make. These decisions are never easy for anyone. I am available to assist you in planning or arranging any service. However, I cannot officiate at a funeral when the cremated ashes are present at the service; the associations I discussed above are simply too strong.

This is a charged and difficult subject. I would be glad to discuss the matter

with you if you have questions or concerns, in person or over the phone. If interest warrants, we will schedule a post-service forum to discuss the topic. According to a midrash, once the rabbis could not reach agreement on a particular matter, and they appealed to heaven for a ruling. A *bak-tol* (divine voice) went forth and said: "These *and* these are words of truth."

—Rabbi Yoel H. Kahn

A personal account of a CSZ family that chose cremation is Sandy Butler's essay about the last days and death of her lover, Barbara Rosenblum, "Living in Sacred Time: Journal of a Survivor" in *Out/Look* 1:4 (Winter 1989).

About a Passage

"O God, remember today our gay sisters and brothers who died in years past ..." This sentence opens the reading which precedes the Mourners' Kaddish at every Sha'ar Zahav service. This passage about the gay and lesbian martyrs through the ages is one of Sha'ar Zahav's most well-known liturgical passages. Where did this paragraph come from? How has it changed over time? Does it accurately express our sentiments today?

Rabbi Kahn will lead a sermon/discussion of the origin and evolution—and our feelings about this passage—at Shabbat services on Friday, July 28.

Cheryl Orvis Memorial

On Friday, July 14, during our Shabbat service, the Sha'ar Zahav Library Wall will be dedicated to the memory of our past president, Cheryl Orvis, who died in January 1988. This dedication has been many months in the planning and should prove a lasting and fitting memorial to Cheryl.

Annual Congregational Meeting

in place of sermons, group dinners prior to services, and alternative services such as Sephardic or meditative.

Next on the agenda were two items requiring a vote by congregation members. Don Albert introduced the 1989/1990 budget, explaining that the coming year would most probably necessitate drawing upon Sha'ar Zahav reserves. The amount drawn would be small but ensuing years will call for greater and greater reliance upon reserve funds. As Don explained, we have maximized our fund raising and now look to dues. Most congregations raise 80 percent of their budgets from dues and Sha'ar Zahav must work toward that goal. After calling for questions on the budget (and there were a few dealing with technicalities of accounting), the budget was unanimously passed.

The second vote actually addressed several items. Richard Inlander, chair of the Bylaws Committee, led the congregation through a list of proposed changes to our bylaws. Written copies of these changes had been included with the mailing so all members had a chance to examine them prior to this meeting. Allowing for questions as he went along, Richard explained each change and the necessity for it. In the end two votes were taken, one for the quorum change which passed with four abstentions, and another vote for the other bylaw changes which were accepted unanimously.

With most of the work now completed, a short break was taken followed by a serenade from the Ensemble. It was then back to work as Robin opened the meeting to questions concerning the written committee and chavurah reports. The questions almost entirely dealt with updates to reports. Some time was spent on the First Congregational Church as a possible site for High Holidays Services. Since the very recent Ronnie Gilbert concert had been held there, many members were familiar with the building and also with its drawbacks. There was a general feeling that the building would not be appropriate for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In response to another concern, the agenda for the upcoming Va'ad meetings will be posted in the Oneg room the week prior to the actual meeting.

Then came the most suspenseful part

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of the annual meeting—the election results. The winners are: Eric Keitel, president; Robin Leonard, vice president; Ben Schalit, treasurer; Gail Friedlander, recorder; Leslie Bergson, Ann Biderman, Merry Luskin, Jose Luis Moscovich, and Alita Rosenfeld, Va'ad members. With the announcement of these winners, the meeting was quickly brought to a close after meeting evaluation and the singing of Oseh Shalom.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in June. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Joy Burkey

Peter Hart

Eric Rofes

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

Re-Involving Inactive Members: We Miss You!

Sha'ar Zahav boasts an unusually high percentage of members actively involved in synagogue life. Even so, there are many wonderful opportunities for involvement for those of you whose energies have wandered elsewhere. The Membership Committee, in co-operation with the chairs of all the other synagogue committees is initiating a new project of matching activities and people. In a few weeks we will start phoning members we haven't seen around for a while.

If you haven't allowed yourself the pleasures of feeling a part of our congregation, why don't you start thinking about those activities you always thought you would enjoy but never got around to trying. Maybe you would like to help out some night at an oneg (the more help we get, the less likely we will ever have sponge cake and instant coffee). Or maybe you would like to be a librarian for the Ritual Committee, or help plan the next Taste of Honey dance. Whatever your taste or time limitation, there is some activity in CSZ for you.



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Va'ad Report

The June Va'ad meeting, this last for this Va'ad, began with the presentation of a dozen roses to Robin Leonard, a token of the Va'ad's appreciation for the diligence, style, and competency Robin has brought to the Sha'ar Zahav leadership this year.

The Va'ad then got down to the business outlined in the agenda. After check-in, Rabbi Kahn spoke about "disagreement," specifically honest and sincere disagreement, which can encourage openness.

The meeting was given over to updating the status of current projects. A proposal for a gift shop was presented to the Va'ad by Jeffrey Miller. The Va'ad accepted the recommendation. Mike Rankin's report on UAHC activities included a drawing of the Quilt panel that the AIDS Committee of the UAHC will give to the Names Project at the UAHC Biennial. Jose Luis Moscovich provided information on the Gay Pride Day Parade and asked for volunteers to help with our booth. Merry Luskin, chair of the Membership Committee, presented three new members who were unanimously voted in. Ann Biderman, chair of the Women's Chavurah asked for thoughts on possible dates for a women's dance event. Eric Keitel, as board member of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, gave a brief summary of the congress's efforts.

The one report that engendered considerable discussion and some emotion was the proposed child-care policy. Provisions in this policy calling for non-members to pay a fee for child care split the Va'ad. It was ultimately decided to eliminate this from the proposal and call for donations from all parents, members and non-members, who use the service. The proposal calls for a volunteer child-care coordinator but a paid child-care provider. Money for this will come from a donation this year. Also eliminated from the proposal, but by the Committee on Child Care itself, was a requirement that children be at least a year old. This proposal calls for child care to be provided for one Friday each month for a four-month testing period and child care at major events. The program will be evaluated next winter. Dates for the Friday night trial period have not been set yet and will be announced later.

There was no treasurer's report due

mainly to the treasurer being on vacation. A complete accounting on the Ronnie Gilbert Concert will be reported on next month.

Rabbi Kahn ended the meeting by thanking for their efforts those individuals whose term on the Va'ad is concluding: Don Albert, Tiela Chalmers, Richard Inlander and Bill Goldstein.

In keeping with our custom, the meeting was adjourned just prior to 9 pm with the singing of Oseh Shalom.

—Bill Goldstein, Acting Recorder

Office Notes

Maintenance forms: If you've been wondering what to do about those little things around the synagogue that need fixing, now you can take action! New pink maintenance-request forms are available in the metal rack by the Oneg Room door and upstairs in the racks outside the library. Just fill out the form and drop it in the mail slot. We will arrange for the repair as soon as we can. Thanks for your cooperation.

Telephone: A new, limited-access telephone line is now available for members to use for emergencies or for that call home to say you'll be late. It is located in the washroom off the Oneg Room. We ask that telephone users make a donation to cover the cost of their phone calls; a box will be provided. This telephone will only make calls within an eight-mile radius. If you need to call further, there is a pay telephone at the corner of Danvers and 18th streets.

Many thanks to Paul Blanc and to Sam Thal for their recent large donations of books to the CSZ library.

Condolences

We at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extend our sympathy to the following members who have suffered a recent loss.

To the community and the Golden Gate MCC on the loss of its pastor, Rev. Jim Sandmire.

To many in our congregation and in the community on the loss of our friend, Guy Mannheimer.

To the congregation on the loss of its member, David Delroy.

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Birthdays

7/1 Susan W.
7/1 Diane Sabin
7/6 Steven Berlin
7/7 Betty Kalis
7/8 Ben Schalit
7/9 Robert Goldware
7/9 Steven Elman
7/10 Pamela Ruskin
7/10 William Schlichter
7/11 Laurent Gasperini
7/13 Lee C. Morrow
7/14 Steve Unger
7/14 Paul Freud Wotman
7/15 Jason Dahlstrom
7/16 Alice Perlman
7/24 Alan Craig
7/25 Salley E. Martin
7/26 Benjamin Morgan-Achtenberg
7/27 Patrice Goldman
7/28 David Levine
7/29 Jonathan Schwartz
7/29 Diane Margaret Spaugh
7/30 Prudence Carter
8/1 Ed L.
8/1 Tani Stone Thule
8/1 Jenifer B. Dahlstrom
8/2 Francie McGowan
8/4 J. Daniel H.
8/4 Jonathan Funk
8/4 Nancy Lynn Snow
8/7 Robert Nacamulli
8/8 Sanford Ira Friedman
8/9 Allan Gold
8/9 Harvey Levine
8/12 David Glassberg
8/13 Lonnie Weiss
8/15 Reuben Greenwald
8/16 Leland Vogel
8/17 Laura Desiree M.
8/17 Lynn E. Scarper
8/19 Dan Bellm
8/19 Paul Cohen
8/20 Sabra Saperstein
8/21 Kate Sharp
8/23 Frank Hyman
8/23 Michael W. Lipson
8/24 Alexander M. Weil
8/24 Joshua Shuster Lefkowitz
8/25 Susan N. Talley
8/25 Sam Peskin
8/25 Adam Inlander
8/25 Noah Nacamulli
8/28 Marc Mencher
8/30 Shelley R. Spiro

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Israeli Chavurah

Gay Israeli Seeks Spousal Benefits

Jonathan Danilowitz, an El Al Airlines flight attendant for the past 17 years, has filed suit against his employer claiming the denial of rights to him and his common-law spouse. (Unmarried couples in Israel may be recognized as common-law spouses.) With legal support provided by Israel's equivalent of the American Civil Liberties Union, Danilowitz is suing for equal spousal travel benefits for his male lover of 10 years. This case is the first of its kind in Israel's Labor Court and has received widespread publicity. Appeals may elevate this case to Israel's highest court.

Israeli Chavurah

Reform Jews Charge Secrecy

A Religious Affairs Ministry Survey shows that 9 percent of those questioned considered themselves part of the Reform movement, the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism revealed, charging this was kept hidden by the ministry.

A total of 12 percent of those questioned identified themselves as Orthodox, 3 percent as Conservative, 9 percent as Reform, 74 percent said they had no religious affiliation, and 2 percent had some other response.

The survey was conducted among the urban Jewish population by the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research a year ago and selected findings were released by the ministry around Rosh Hashanah.

The findings now released were drawn from among answers which the ministry did not publicize, such as "Do you affiliate yourself with any particular stream of Judaism?" Rabbi Meir Azari, director of the Israel Reform movement, would not say how the survey came into his hands, but insisted that it showed that the movement was increasing in strength and becoming accepted in Israel.

"The non-publication of this item testifies to the fact that the Ministry for Religious Affairs deliberately ignores the needs of the growing public which identifies with the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism," he said.

Cushion Our Tushes ... Again

Several months ago the *Forward* ran an article about cushions for our pews. Unfortunately there was a delay in the production of a sample pew cushion, and our program was placed on hold. The small pew at the rear of the sanctuary now has a temporary sample cushion. Don't worry, the final version will be bolted to the pew.

We encourage everyone to think about participating, and remember, the money we raise will benefit the congregation's Endowment Fund.

Each newly cushioned pew will contain a small (3-by-5-inch) plaque which will say:

Cushion provided through
the generosity of
name(s) or committee (with year)

There are 18 pews and the donation is \$300 per pew. This has been a long time in coming and will add needed comfort to our warm and inviting home.

If you are interested in sponsoring a pew, contact the office in writing or by speaking with our office manager, Jenny Helbraun. Currently we have five orders and once we have the remaining 13 donors (or donor groups) we can begin the project. Work cannot begin until we have commitments for all pews. There will be a random selection to determine the placement of plaques on individual pews.

Below is some additional information about this fund raiser:

- Donations by individuals, couples, families or committees are encouraged.
- Names will be limited as follows:

—a maximum of two individual names per pew plaque;

—a committee name is acceptable, with the year 1989;

—memorials or honors will appear as "Generosity of friends of ____";

—for family donations: "The ____ family."

• 50 percent payment will be due within two weeks of notification and the balance due within six months.

Let's all help to make these cushions a reality, save our tushes and help ensure the long-term viability of Sha'ar Zahav. Take part in this fund raiser by sending in your request now.

The congregation is grateful to David Stein for donating fabric, to Ralph Frischman for his help in arranging the upholstering and to the Building and Fine Arts Committees for their participation.

If there are any questions, please contact Don Albert at 641-5113.

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Anniversaries

- 7/4 Robin Leonard & Lee Ryan
- 7/6 Sandra Blair & Carol Cohen
- 7/24 Milton Estes & Tom Steel
- 8/1 Leila Raim & Catherine Wisniewski
- 8/14 Allan Blumenfeld & Morris A. Woolfson
- 8/17 Ed Gabay & Jack Leister
- 8/18 Steve Unger & Paul Quin
- 8/20 Francie Hornstein & Ellen Peskin
- 8/23 Eric Keitel & Aaron Cooper
- 8/28 Judy Macks & Adele Prandini

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Ronnie Gilbert Thanks

On May 13, about 500 Sha'ar Zahavniks and friends enjoyed a witty, warm and moving concert by Ronnie Gilbert at the First Congregational Church here in San Francisco. Although the concert did not turn out to be the fund raiser we had hoped it would be (we lost a few hundred dollars), it was a success in many other ways. We learned to produce a concert, learned that a concert is *not* a way for us to raise money, educated many non-members about who and what CSZ is, sold about 15 cookbooks and had a fabulous evening.

Many thanks to those who worked hard on the concert. The "core" committee: Eric Keitel, Susan Gelmis, Debbi Jacobs-Levine (mazel tov on Shoshana's birth!), Marc Mencher and Tiela Chalmers. Also thanks to Sharyn Saslafsky (public relations), Randy Schiller (sound and lights) and Diana Buchbinder (child care). And finally, thanks to all the ushers and ticket takers who helped out the night of the concert: Nancy-Carol Adler, Don Albert, Claudia Bernard, Ann Biderman, Aaron Cooper, Ellen Elias, Marjorie Hilsenrad, Kirk Hinman, Dana Lear, Merry Luskin, Amy Markowitz, Eve Meyer, Jose Luis Moscovich, Alita Rosenfeld, Nancy Snow, Diane Spaugh and Dana Vinicoff.

—Robin Leonard

Books for Sale

No Jewish home is complete without a shelf of Jewish books. In honor of its centennial anniversary, the Central Conference of American Rabbis is offering four of its most popular titles for the bargain price of \$19.89. Included are two guides to Reform Jewish observance: *Gates of the Seasons* (a guide to the Jewish year) and *Gates of Mitzvah* (a guide to the Jewish life-cycle). The offer also includes *Gates of the House*, the CCAR home prayerbook. A descriptive brochure is available at the synagogue, or simply send \$22.50 (\$19.89 plus \$2.61 for shipping) to the CCAR, 192 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10016.

High Holidays Service Schedule

For those of us who are making vacation plans, here is a brief schedule of upcoming High Holidays services. Clip it and save it—the September *Forward* will have a more complete version. All services will be held at the Unitarian Center unless noted otherwise:

Selichot

Saturday, September 23

9:30 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Rosh Hashanah, First Day

Friday, September 29

7:30 pm, Ma'ariv

Saturday, September 30

10:00 am, Shacharit, Musaf and Children's Service

1:30 pm, Seudat Mitzvah (festival meal) at Fort Point

3:30 pm, Tashlich at Fort Point

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

Services in our sanctuary at 220 Danvers

Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 8

7:30 pm, Kol Nidre

Monday, October 9

10:00 am, Shacharit, Musaf and Children's Service

3:30 pm, Minchah

5:00 pm, Yizkor & Neilah

Please see enclosed form if you are interested in participating in High Holidays Services.

Oneg Sponsors

During May onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 5 Ken Burke, in memory of his son, Lawrence
- 12 Israel Chavurah, in honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut—Israel Independence Day
- 19 Peter Vishniac, in honor of Bill Ashley-Dobbin on the occasion of his bar mitzvah

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

Women's Chavurah

A Taste of Honey II

Did you have fun last year at the New Year's dance for Jewish women and their friends? In October we're planning another *Taste of Honey* dance. Ann and Susan are coordinating this wonderful event again.

We need volunteers to help organize and plan:

- Decorations
- Publicity
- Refreshments
- Schlepping
- Child care

Also, let us know if you can assist on the night of the dance. Please call Ann at 648-5526 to volunteer and for information about our first planning meeting. Don't miss this exciting Jewish New Year's celebration of 5750!

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Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

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Eric Keitel and Aaron Cooper, in memory of Seth Lawrence

Robin Leonard and Lee Ryan, in honor of Ami Markowitz and Bob Wachter's engagement

Sinai Memorial Chapel

Howard Blechman, with happiness at his mother Zelda's completion of successful oral surgery

Bruce Katz, in celebration of Eric's becoming president of CSZ and Aaron & Eric's seventh anniversary

Library Fund

Allan Berenstein, in honor of Bill Ashley-Dobbin's Bar Mitzvah

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Bill and Gloria Fraimow, in honor of the birth and naming of their granddaughter, Leah Ann Fraimow-Wong

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Lonnie Weiss, in memory of her uncle, Paul Weiss

Kadimah: 1989-90

Now is the time to register for the Kadimah program for 1989-1990. Kadimah, CSZ's religious-school program, meets weekly during the school year on Shabbat morning and is open to children entering kindergarten through the fourth grade.

We have just completed our first year of this exciting program. Students in the Bet class have been learning the Hebrew letters and sight recognition of important words. Both classes have been learning about holidays, religious symbols and Torah—through a Shabbat service as well as crafts, singing, drama, cooking and other creative methods.

Deadline for registration is August 11. Please call the synagogue office for more information. We are also scheduling a series of activities for pre-school children and for children who are older than the Kadimah students. Information is available through the synagogue office.

The religious school committee, which coordinates these programs, is open to new members; parents and non-parents are both welcome. The committee meets once a month and discusses curriculum, logistics, philosophy, finances, etc. If you are interested, call Ida Kuluk (co-chair) at 531-6179.



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| 7/2 Renato De Leon, friend of Eve Meyer | 8/2 David Kotch, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav |
| 7/4 Mark Metcalf, friend of Jill Rose | 8/6 Joel Polsky, brother of Steve Polsky |
| 7/4 (Tammuz 1) Sarah Neibart, grandmother of Sanford Ira Friedman | 8/6 Jay Platt, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav |
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| 7/7 (Tammuz 4) Genendel Szekely, grandmother of Marilyn Kalman | 8/8 Leo Leyser, grandfather of Kipp Leyser |
| 7/9 Ana Heitner, grandmother of Jose Luis Moscovich | 8/8 (Av 7) Aron Friedman, father of Sanford Ira Friedman |
| 7/9 Charlotte Lucas, mother of George Lucas | 8/8 Mark Landsberger, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav |
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| 7/19 Lewis J. Ruskin, father of Pamela Ruskin | 8/16 (Av 15) Manuel Nachman, father of Sen Talley |
| 7/21 (Tammuz 18) Gussie Paker, mother of Perry Paker | 8/17 Morris Charney, father of Seth Charney |
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| 7/23 Helene Blau, grandmother of Lonnie Weiss | 8/18 (Av 17) Ashley Dobbin, father of Bill Ashley-Dobbin |
| 7/23 (Tammuz 20) Angelo Nacamulli, father of Robert and Steven Nacamulli | 8/21 (Av 20) Estella Mantey, grandmother of Bill Schlichter |
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| 7/28 Ann Bronstein Ross, grandmother of Devorah Harris | 8/23 Geraldine Marcus, mother of Frank Hyman |
| 7/29 Ernst Rosenstein, brother of Jerry Rosenstein | |

How to Lead A Service

One of the qualities that sets CSZ apart from other synagogues is our commitment to having members of the synagogue lead services on a regular basis. Our services are led by a dedicated group of volunteers—and we would like to expand the number of trained and available service leaders. Rabbi Yoel Kahn will teach a four-part class on “How to Lead a Service.” Meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, this class will explore both the origins and structure of our worship service (“Where does the *Amidah* come from?”) and the practical challenges of service leading (“When do we sit down?”). Class topics include: “The Origin, Structure and Themes of the Shabbat Service” (July 25); “Prayer, Community and Ritual—The Meanings of Worship” (August 1); “Planning and Organizing a Service” (August 8); “The Geography of the Bimah—Service Leading Skills” (August 15).

A commitment to co-lead services a minimum of three times during the coming year is asked of everyone who enrolls in the class. If you wish to attend the class but are not interested in service leading, you are welcome to attend all but the last session. For more information on the class, please call Rabbi Kahn at the synagogue. To enroll, please call the synagogue office by July 21.

Guest Cantor To Sing

Cantor Sam Radwine of Ner Tamid Congregation in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., will be guest cantor at our Shabbat services on Friday evening, July 21. A native of Taylorville, Ill., Cantor Radwine is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music in New York and is a member of the Executive Board of the American College of Cantors. Sam has sung many times at our sibling congregation, Beth Chayim Chadishim, Los Angeles, but this will mark his “debut” at Sha'ar Zahav. Services will be led by Mike Rankin, who promises not to sing a note.

Four Days in Connecticut

I've always loved New England, and I hoped I'd get out to the countryside when I went to Stamford, Conn., in May for my first UAHC board meeting. But once they got us in the hotel, they practically threw away the key. We stayed busy with committee meetings, plenary sessions, and guest speakers. You never saw a group of people so ready for Shabbat!

The four days were tiring, but also a time for the board members to get to know each other. We worked, ate, sang, prayed, laughed, and learned together—and strangers became friends. I quickly decided that these are a splendid group of men and women who are effective advocates for the issues that mean so much to us at Sha'ar Zahav.

Everyone had a chance to be heard, even the "new kids on the block." After I popped up to speak, one of the seasoned board members sitting behind me turned to the woman next to him and said, with a broad Harvard "A" and a delightful Yiddish lilt, "Oy—raw young California wine come to mature among the eastern brandies!" Raw young wine! I liked the sound of that, and repeated it to myself several times.

Two weeks before I went to Stamford I learned that the UAHC leadership were offering me an aliyah at the Shabbat morning service. I knew this was meant as a message of welcome to all gay and lesbian Jews, not just to me, and I accepted it in that spirit, with pleasure. When I was called to the Torah and started up to the *bima*, I whispered a quiet *Shehechyanu*—the blessing for first times and special occasions. Probably only a dozen people in the makeshift ballroom synagogue knew it, but it was very special indeed.

I approached the Torah, touched it gently with my *tallit*, and sang the Torah blessings, as Garry Koenigsberg taught me when I became a Bar Mitzvah at Sha'ar Zahav. The two honorees who preceded me had simply said, rather than sung, the blessings. But that's not the way I learned it. "Sing out, Louise!" Garry used to say, and I sang out, in several keys and none. Half the congregation grinned back at me, and the other half looked as though I had suddenly begun to speak in tongues. (Apparently "singing out" is not done in classic Re-

form congregations.)

Well, perhaps our *minhag* is not the classic *minhag*, but I was so caught up in the meaning of the moment that I really didn't care. Unabashed mystic that I am, I really felt that others were there beside me—Cheryl, Harvey, and Mark, and the David and Moishe and Chanah and Sarah of the *shtetl* in Czechoslovakia where our Torah comes from. They were the ones who went before to show the way, the gentle warriors who did "confront peace, security, and all the settled laws, to unsettle them."

Thanks to them, and to so many like them, another barrier is down, another wall of exclusion broken through. May we soon know a time when the homophobia still present in some of the tents of Reform Judaism will seem as unjust and bizarre as the segregated water fountains and waiting rooms of my Arkansas youth.

For all the joy of the Stamford weekend, there was a bit of sadness as well. John Hirsch, a wonderfully creative man and a committed Reform Jew, is designing the UAHC AIDS Committee's panel for the Quilt. He and Herb live about an hour's drive from Stamford; he came up to show me what he had drawn. It was more beautiful than I could have imagined. On a background of deep purple, there are Shabbat candlesticks, a menorah, a tallit, and the Hebrew word, "Tikvah" (hope). The whole is surrounded by Jerusalem stones, which will be sewn as pockets. Those attending the Biennial in New Orleans may insert written prayers and thoughts into them. "We got the idea from the tradition of inserting prayers between the stones in the

Wall in Jerusalem. One of the stones on the panel is fractured, representing those we've lost to AIDS. But the fractured stone takes the shape of the Hebrew letter 'Shin'—the Almighty."

I told John how moved I was by his work, and how grateful. "Don't thank me," he said. "Herb and I lost a dear friend to AIDS a month ago. We wanted to make a panel for him, but his family didn't want anyone to know he'd died of AIDS, and they wouldn't allow it. So this is for our friend too. It helped us mourn. Please tell your group how much it meant to us."

—Mike Rankin

Come Talk To Us!

In order to keep lines of communication open, Robin and I would like to continue with the tradition started last year of quarterly "fire-side chats" with the president and vice president.

We have scheduled the first of these afternoons for Sunday, July 30, from 4 to 6 pm at my home, 53 Digby St. (Diamond Heights). We invite any synagogue members to drop by to discuss any aspect of congregational life with us. We hope that you will bring your ideas and constructive suggestions. For directions to the house, please call me at 334-7635. We look forward to seeing you!

—Eric Keitel

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Naches

Congratulations to Susan and Linda Fraimow-Wong on the birth of Leah Ann Fraimow-Wong, who was born on May 7 and entered into the Covenant and named on May 14.

Congratulations to Debbie Jacobs and Joel Levine on the birth of Shoshana Jacobs Levine, who was born June 3 and entered into the Covenant and named on June 11.

Congratulations to Joy Burkey and Maggie Morris, who celebrated their *kiddushin* on Sunday, June 4.

Congratulations to Sonia Anabel Diana Douglass, who was entered into the Covenant and named on Friday, June 2.

Congratulations to Jose Luis Moscovich who conducted the entire program of the Concerto Collective Orchestra at The Stage on May 14.

Congratulations to Henry Mach whose musical "Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid" is scheduled for production at Theatre Rhinoceros, spring 1990. (Henry claims that parts of this show are not autobiographical.)

Congratulations to David Israels, whose column "Gay Matters" now appears regularly in the *Bay Guardian*. His first essay, "AIDS—Notes of a Survivor" (April 26), is a moving account of how he is learning to live with the loss of his friend, Jeff Byers. Copies of this article are available at the synagogue.

Congratulations to Roberta Achtenberg, who was appointed by Mayor Agnos to chair the commission implementing San Francisco's new domestic-partners legislation.

Congratulations to Leslie Bergson, who will be a cantorial soloist at High Holiday services at San Francisco Hillel. We will miss her greatly at CSZ and wish her success in this important responsibility. (Don't worry—she will still be leading Friday night services regularly at CSZ.)

Congratulations to Randy Heilbrunn for being selected for the "Pride of Neeley Award" for outstanding computer sales performance at the Hewlett Packard Company.

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

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Dr. Diane Sabin

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1 Saturday 28 Sivan	10 Monday 7 Tammuz • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting	17 Monday 14 Tammuz • 7:30pm, Library Committee	26 Wednesday 23 Tammuz
2 Sunday 29 Sivan	11 Tuesday 8 Tammuz • 7:30pm, Gift Shop Committee • 7:30pm, Brotherhood Committee meeting at Jeff Statnick's, 1450 Greenwich, #302, San Francisco	18 Tuesday 15 Tammuz	27 Thursday 24 Tammuz • 6:30pm, Ritual Committee • 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim Committee meeting
3 Monday 30 Sivan	12 Wednesday 9 Tammuz • 6pm, Chat with president and vice president	19 Wednesday 16 Tammuz • 7pm, Ritual Committee mailing party	28 Friday 25 Tammuz • 8:15pm, Services, Matot-Masei, Mevarchim Chodesh Av, Rabbi Kahn and Jose Luis Moscovich, Bob Crocker, music director, MCC/SF, accompanist
4 Tuesday 1 Tammuz Independence Day	13 Thursday 10 Tammuz • 6pm, Chat with president and vice president	20 Thursday 17 Tammuz • 7pm, Building Committee	29 Saturday 26 Tammuz • Spirituality Chavurah meeting • 10:30am, Morning Services, Rabbi Kahn and Ritual Committee
5 Wednesday 2 Tammuz	14 Friday 11 Tammuz • Dedication of Library Wall in memory of Cheryl Orvis • 8:15pm, Services, Chukat-Balak, Torah Service, Rabbi Kahn and Susan Unger	21 Friday 18 Tammuz • 6pm, Children's Dinner and Service • 8:15pm, Services, Pinchas, Mike Rankin and Sam Radwine, cantor	30 Sunday 27 Tammuz • 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco • 4pm, Fireside chat at Eric's, 53 Digby, San Francisco
6 Thursday 3 Tammuz • 7:30pm, Social Action Committee • 7:30pm, Long-Range Planning Meeting • 7:30pm, Religious School Meeting, 73 Fountain, San Francisco	15 Saturday 12 Tammuz	22 Saturday 19 Tammuz	31 Monday 28 Tammuz • 7:30pm, Education Committee
7 Friday 4 Tammuz • CSZ Advance • 8:15pm, Services, Korach, Sue Douglass	16 Sunday 13 Tammuz • 9:40am, CSZ Angel Island picnic, Pier 43 1/2	23 Sunday 20 Tammuz • 1pm, Women's Chavurah pool party at Marion Trentman's	
8 Saturday 5 Tammuz • CSZ Advance • 4pm, Healing Service		24 Monday 21 Tammuz	
9 Sunday 6 Tammuz • CSZ Advance		25 Tuesday 22 Tammuz • 7:30pm, How to Lead a Service	

Come Sing With Us

The Ensemble welcomes new voices—the more the merrier. We are on vacation until August, but we will begin to rehearse for the High Holy Days on the first Sunday—August 6. We plan to participate in the services on Erev Rosh Hashanah (September 29) and Yom Kippur Day (October 9). Rehearsals are held at the synagogue from 4 to 6 pm Sunday afternoons. Call Dana Vinicoff at 826-1629 for more information.

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2 Wednesday 1 Av	9 Wednesday 8 Av • 7:45pm, Tisha B'Av Service, Rabbi Kahn and Ritual Committee	17 Thursday 16 Av • 7pm, Building Committee • 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim Committee	25 Friday 24 Av • 8:15pm, Services, Re'eh, Daniel Chesir and Scott Mezistrano
3 Thursday 2 Av • 7:30pm, Social Action Committee • 7:30pm, Long Range Planning Meeting	10 Thursday 9 Av Tisha B'Av	18 Friday 17 Av • 8:15pm, Services, Ekev, Torah Service, Nancy Snow and Henry Mach	26 Saturday 25 Av • 10:30am, Morning Services, Ritual Committee
4 Friday 3 Av • 8:15pm, Services, Devarim, Shabbat Chazon, Rabbi Kahn and Jonathan Funk	11 Friday 10 Av • Deadline for Kadimah registration • 8:15pm, Services, Shabbat Nachamu, Va'etchanan, Rabbi Kahn and Daniel Chesir	19 Saturday 18 Av	27 Sunday 26 Av • 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco • 4pm, Ensemble
5 Saturday 4 Av • 10:45am, Women's Chavurah Shabbat hike and picnic	12 Saturday 11 Av • 4pm, Healing Service	20 Sunday 19 Av • 11am, CSZ softball game and picnic, Julius Kahn Field • 4pm, Ensemble	28 Monday 27 Av • 7:30pm, Education Committee
6 Sunday 5 Av • 4pm, Ensemble	13 Sunday 12 Av • 4pm, Ensemble	21 Monday 20 Av	29 Tuesday 28 Av
7 Monday 6 Av • 7:30pm, Brotherhood dancing at the Rawhide, 280 Seventh St. off Folsom, San Francisco	14 Monday 13 Av • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting	22 Tuesday 21 Av	30 Wednesday 29 Av
	15 Tuesday 14 Av • 7:30pm, How to Lead a Service	23 Wednesday 22 Av • 7pm, Ritual Committee mailing party	31 Thursday 30 Av • 6:30pm, Ritual Committee • 7:30pm, Newsletter Mailing, 14 Grandview Terr.

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8:15pm, Services, Shoftim, Mike Rankin